



# Leader Guide

## The Point:

Let your death and your life Magnify your Lord

## The Outline:

Jesus Christ will be Magnified

- The meaning of the Magnification of Christ.

Let your death Magnify your Lord

- How death can be gain

- Those for whom death is gain

Let your life Magnify your Lord

- How life can be fruitful

- Others focused for joy

- Others focused for progress in the faith

## RELATE:

- If you could pick the way you would die... how would you go?

- Have you ever know someone with one great life-passion or ambition? Who were they and what was it that they pursued?

- Have you ever heard the verse 'To me to live is Christ, to die is gain'? If so, in what context?

## REFLECT:

- What one part of this week's sermon most resonated with you, affected you, or troubled you? How so?

- There was a distinction made in the sermon between 'honoring' and 'magnifying'. Do you think this is a helpful distinction? Why or why not? What would result from a wrong understanding of this concept?



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- Read Philippians 1:21. Which have of this verse grabs ahold of your heart more? Why do you think this is the case?
- Does Paul's statement about death seem equivalent to a depressed person who contemplates ending their own life? If not, what makes his comments different?
- Do you think that all Christians can be as confident about death as the Apostle Paul? Do you think most Christians are that confident? Why or why not?
- Read Hebrews 2:14-15, and 1 Corinthians 15:54-56. How do these passages connect to Paul's statement in Philippians 1:21?
- Do you think that you could use this verse (1:21) to encourage someone? Is there anyone that this verse does not apply to?
- How important do you think a Biblical understanding of death is, and why?
- Have you been around a Christian who died with such an attitude that it was an encouragement to those around them? What was memorable about that?
- In the sermon, it was said that Christ was the: Motivation, Empowerment and Goal of Paul's life. Explain how you think each of these are true.
- Read Acts 20:24. How does this verse affect how you see Philippians 1:21-ff.?
- Where do other Christians fit in to the 'fruitful life' that Paul speaks of?



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-What were the two goals that Paul had for the people he was ministering to (v25)? In what ways today can you minister to others to accomplish these same goals?

-In one sentence, give a definition for a life that magnifies Christ:

-In one sentence, give a definition for a death that magnifies Christ:

-Why does this type of life and death exalt and glorify Christ?

-How does the gospel (the good news of Christ's work on our behalf) enable the kind of life and death that were spoken of in this passage?

## RESPOND:

-Ask that God would work in our hearts to give us peace in death, and confidence through the work of Christ

-Ask that He would bring to us ways that our lives could be lived in fruitfulness

-Ask that our hearts would be drawn to praise for Christ's work in life and death

**Local Focus:** Please lift up Grace Christian Fellowship (located at 2159 N. Hamilton), their pastor Bill Farley, their elder team and their gospel-centered ministry in Central Spokane. By God's grace the church is growing and GCF may soon be sharing facilities with Fourth Memorial Church. Please ask for a smooth transition that is a blessing to both congregations and the community.